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Eco-Sensitive Zones
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had directed the Government to create eco-sensitive zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries;
(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;
(c) whether the Government proposes to create eco-sensitive zones as per proposals received from various State Governments; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said proposals are likely to be finalised, State-wise including Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) As on 18.07.2016, a total of 373 draft and final notifications of Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ) around Protected Areas in the country have been published.

(c) Based on the proposals submitted by the State Governments/Union Territories for & declaration of ESZ around National Parks and Wildlife Santuaries in their
(d) respective States, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
publishes Draft ESZ Notifications seeking objections, comments and suggestions from various stakeholders. The objectons/comments/suggestions received along with the draft notifications are considered by an Expert Committee on Eco-sensitive Zones in the MoEF&CC, wherein representatives of the concerned States also particpate. Based on the recommendations of the ESZ Expert Committee, the Ministry notifies Eco-Sensitive Zones around Protected Areas in the country for ESZ proposals of all States including the State of Rajasthan, within a time limit of 545 days specified under the Environment (Protection) Rule,1986.
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